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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIHLBERG ET AL.

Examiner

Anthony D Barfield

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson Jr. Johnson Jr., shows the use of a seat booster cushion (10) for a permanent seat (24) and being provided with a first sitting surface (30) for accommodating an occupant and a first resting surface (22) adapted to be positioned on the seat in a first position of the booster cushion, the first sitting surface extending generally along a plane which is at a first . The booster cushion is also provided with a second sitting surface (70) for accommodating an occupant and a second resting surface (54) adapted to be positioned on the seat in a second position of the booster cushion, the second sitting surface extending generally along a plane which is at a second distance from the second resting surface, and wherein the first distance and the second distance are different, so as to be used by occupants of different height.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson Jr. in view of Grieser. Johnson Jr. shows all of the teachings of the claimed invention except the use of first and second belt guide means arranged pivotally fastened to the booster cushion. Grieser shows the conventional use of first and second belt guide means (26) pivotally attached to a booster cushion (13). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the booster cushion of Johnson Jr., with the first and second belt guide means, as taught by Grieser in order improve the stability and security of an occupant during use of the booster cushion.

5. Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson Jr. in view of Kassai et al. Johnson Jr. shows all of the teachings of the claimed invention except the use of first and second belt guide means arranged pivotally or slidably fastened to the booster cushion. Kassai et al. shows the conventional use of first and second belt guide means (25) pivotally and slidably attached to a booster cushion (11). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the booster cushion of Johnson Jr., with the first and second belt guide means, as taught by Kassai in order improve the stability and security of an occupant during use of the booster cushion.

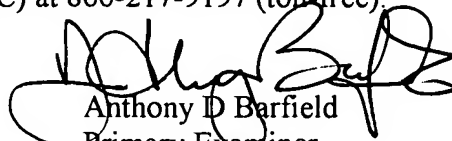
Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Reference Nos. 4,521,052 and 2,108,241 show features of the claimed invention.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony D Barfield whose telephone number is 703-308-2158. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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